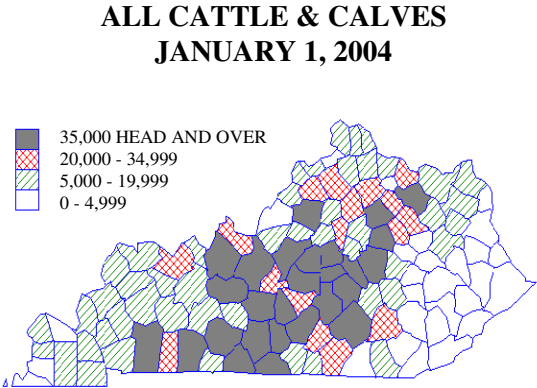


| KENTUCKY CATTLE NUMBERS |            |              |
|-------------------------|------------|--------------|
| January 1, 2004         |            |              |
|                         | (000 head) | % of Jan '03 |
| All Cattle & Calves     | 2,320      | 97           |
| Beef Cows               | 1,128      | 102          |
| Milk Cows               | 112        | 93           |
| Bulls 500 + Lbs         | 80         | 100          |
| Steers 500 + Lbs        | 190        | 88           |
| Heifers 500 + Lbs       | 310        | 90           |
| For Beef Replacement    | 160        | 91           |
| For Milk Replacement    | 40         | 89           |
| Other                   | 110        | 88           |
| Calves Under 500 Lbs    | 500        | 94           |
| 2003 Calf Crop          | 1,110      | 101          |

| ALL CATTLE & CALVES<br>TOP PRODUCING COUNTIES<br>JANUARY 1, 2004 |        |
|--|--------|
|  | (Head) |
| Barren   | 83,000 |
| Warren   | 66,000 |
| Pulaski  | 64,000 |
| Allen  | 61,000 |
| Madison  | 60,000 |



| KENTUCKY CATTLE INVENTORY |            |           |           |           |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Year                      | All Cattle | Milk Cows | Beef Cows | Calf Crop |
| (000 Head)                |            |           |           |           |
| 1885                      | 966        | 305       |           |           |
| 1890                      | 1,121      | 321       |           |           |
| 1895                      | 964        | 340       |           |           |
| 1900                      | 1,000      | 340       |           |           |
| 1905                      | 1,120      | 366       |           |           |
|                           |            |           |           |           |
| 1910                      | 950        | 390       |           |           |
| 1915                      | 958        | 390       |           |           |
| 1920                      | 1,093      | 455       | 65        |           |
| 1925                      | 971        | 473       | 56        | 399       |
| 1930                      | 990        | 498       | 45        | 408       |
|                           |            |           |           |           |
| 1935                      | 1,212      | 610       | 67        | 542       |
| 1940                      | 1,243      | 555       | 80        | 521       |
| 1945                      | 1,458      | 655       | 153       | 671       |
| 1950                      | 1,548      | 661       | 187       | 738       |
| 1955                      | 1,773      | 654       | 341       | 886       |
|                           |            |           |           |           |
| 1960                      | 2,053      | 561       | 515       | 947       |
| 1965                      | 2,470      | 486       | 843       | 1,170     |
| 1970                      | 2,803      | 379       | 1,055     | 1,328     |
| 1975                      | 3,750      | 296       | 1,429     | 1,500     |
| 1980                      | 2,700      | 244       | 1,106     | 1,240     |
|                           |            |           |           |           |
| 1985                      | 2,580      | 232       | 1,038     | 1,110     |
| 1990                      | 2,420      | 205       | 1,045     | 1,180     |
| 1991                      | 2,500      | 195       | 1,085     | 1,190     |
| 1992                      | 2,550      | 185       | 1,105     | 1,200     |
| 1993                      | 2,600      | 180       | 1,120     | 1,220     |
|                           |            |           |           |           |
| 1994                      | 2,600      | 175       | 1,155     | 1,230     |
| 1995                      | 2,650      | 165       | 1,165     | 1,250     |
| 1996                      | 2,700      | 160       | 1,200     | 1,230     |
| 1997                      | 2,550      | 150       | 1,160     | 1,180     |
| 1998                      | 2,480      | 145       | 1,165     | 1,160     |
|                           |            |           |           |           |
| 1999                      | 2,420      | 135       | 1,105     | 1,120     |
| 2000                      | 2,230      | 130       | 1,050     | 1,090     |
| 2001                      | 2,260      | 130       | 1,060     | 1,080     |
| 2002                      | 2,300      | 125       | 1,075     | 1,100     |
| 2003                      | 2,400      | 120       | 1,110     | 1,110     |
| 2004                      | 2,320      | 112       | 1,128     | -         |

| ALL CATTLE & CALF INVENTORY |                 |              |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| January 1, 2004             |                 |              |
|                             |                 | (1,000 Head) |
| 1.                          | Texas           | 13,900       |
| 2.                          | Kansas          | 6,650        |
| 3.                          | Nebraska        | 6,250        |
| 4.                          | California      | 5,200        |
| 5.                          | Oklahoma        | 5,100        |
| 6.                          | Missouri        | 4,350        |
| 7.                          | South Dakota    | 3,650        |
| 8.                          | Iowa            | 3,450        |
| 9.                          | Wisconsin       | 3,350        |
| 10.                         | Colorado        | 2,400        |
| 10.                         | Minnesota       | 2,400        |
| 10.                         | Montana         | 2,400        |
| <b>13.</b>                  | <b>KENTUCKY</b> | <b>2,320</b> |
| 14.                         | Tennessee       | 2,210        |
| 15.                         | Idaho           | 2,010        |
| UNITED STATES               |                 | 94,882       |

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## KENTUCKY CATTLE FACTS



This brochure highlights some of the significant facts about Kentucky’s cattle industry. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service at 1-800-928-5277 or visiting our internet web page at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ky/>.

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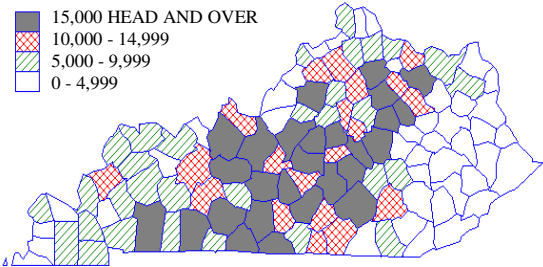
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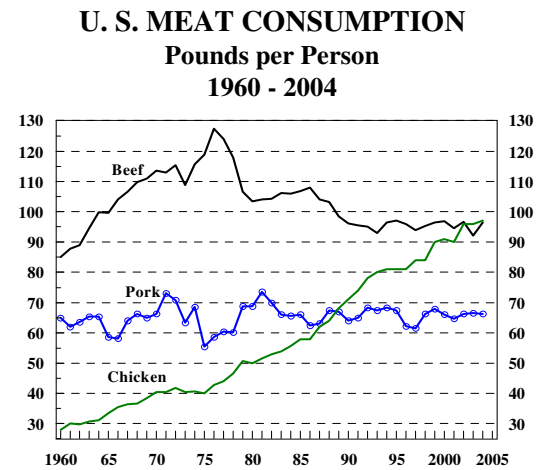
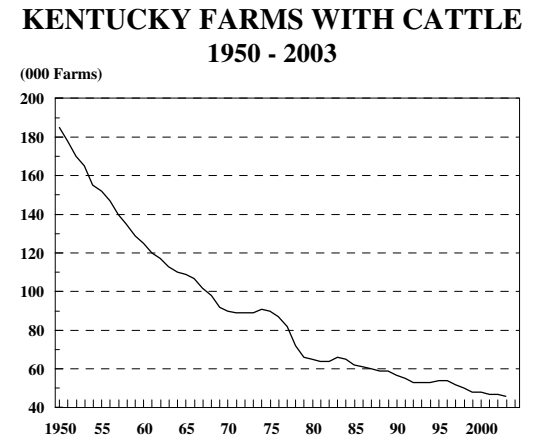
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| BEEF COWS<br>TOP PRODUCING COUNTIES<br>JANUARY 1, 2004 |        |
|--|--------|
|  | (Head) |
| Barren   | 36,000 |
| Warren   | 32,000 |
| Pulaski  | 31,600 |
| Madison  | 25,500 |
| Bourbon  | 24,000 |

BEEF COWS  
JANUARY 1, 2004



| KENTUCKY INVENTORY<br>RECORD HIGHS AND LOWS |      |            |            |        |
|---|------|------------|------------|--------|
| HIGHS                                       |      |            | LOWS       |        |
| Class                                       | Year | Number     | Year       | Number |
|   |      | (000 Head) | (000 Head) |        |
| All Cattle                                  | 1975 | 3,750      | 1869       | 762    |
| Beef Cows                                   | 1975 | 1,429      | 1930       | 45     |
| Milk Cows                                   | 1954 | 674        | 2004       | 112    |
| Calf Crop                                   | 1974 | 1,570      | 1925       | 399    |



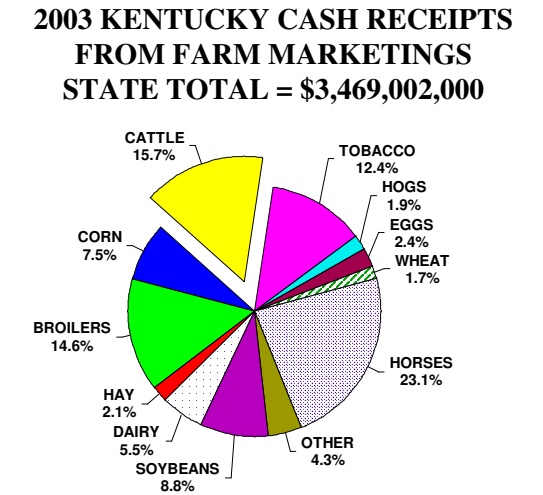
| KENTUCKY CATTLE PRICES<br>RECORD HIGHS AND LOWS |          |                 |         |                 |
|---|----------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| HIGHS   |          |                 | LOWS    |                 |
| CLASS   | Date     | Value<br>\$/cwt | Date    | Value<br>\$/cwt |
| BEEF COWS                                       |          |                 |         |                 |
|   | May '79  | 55.10           | Dec '54 | 8.30            |
| STEERS & HEIFERS Over 500 Lbs                   |          |                 |         |                 |
|   | June '04 | 103.00          | Jan '56 | 15.30           |
| CALVES Under 500 Lbs                            |          |                 |         |                 |
|   | June '04 | 118.00          | Jun '33 | 4.20            |

| KENTUCKY CATTLE PRICES RECEIVED<br>BEEF COWS <sup>1/</sup> |       |       |       |       |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| MONTH  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  |
| (\$/ CWT)  |       |       |       |       |
| January  | 38.00 | 36.00 | 32.00 | 44.00 |
| February   | 42.00 | 40.00 | 36.00 | 44.00 |
| March  | 42.00 | 41.00 | 36.00 | 44.00 |
| April  | 44.00 | 40.00 | 38.00 | 47.00 |
| May  | 45.00 | 41.00 | 41.00 | 51.00 |
| June   | 47.00 | 41.00 | 41.00 | 52.00 |
| July   | 44.00 | 37.00 | 43.00 |       |
| August   | 44.00 | 36.00 | 42.00 |       |
| September  | 42.00 | 33.00 | 43.00 |       |
| October  | 37.00 | 34.00 | 42.00 |       |
| November   | 36.00 | 32.00 | 45.00 |       |
| December   | 36.00 | 33.00 | 47.00 |       |
| Annual Avg <sup>2/</sup>                                   | 40.70 | 37.00 | 43.20 |       |

| STEERS & HEIFERS (OVER 500 LBS) |       |       |       |        |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| MONTH                           | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004   |
| (\$/ CWT)                       |       |       |       |        |
| January                         | 83.00 | 76.00 | 74.00 | 84.00  |
| February                        | 81.00 | 77.00 | 73.00 | 85.00  |
| March                           | 84.00 | 78.00 | 73.00 | 89.00  |
| April                           | 85.00 | 74.00 | 76.00 | 91.00  |
| May                             | 85.00 | 74.00 | 78.00 | 97.00  |
| June                            | 88.00 | 73.00 | 80.00 | 103.00 |
| July                            | 86.00 | 72.00 | 83.00 |        |
| August                          | 84.00 | 72.00 | 85.00 |        |
| September                       | 82.00 | 71.00 | 89.00 |        |
| October                         | 77.00 | 72.00 | 88.00 |        |
| November                        | 73.00 | 72.00 | 87.00 |        |
| December                        | 76.00 | 74.00 | 88.00 |        |
| Annual Avg <sup>2/</sup>        | 81.60 | 73.80 | 81.20 |        |

| CALVES (UNDER 500 LBS)   |        |       |       |        |
|--------------------------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| MONTH                    | 2001   | 2002  | 2003  | 2004   |
| (\$/ CWT)                |        |       |       |        |
| January                  | 98.00  | 92.00 | 84.00 | 99.00  |
| February                 | 99.00  | 95.00 | 86.00 | 101.00 |
| March                    | 103.00 | 95.00 | 86.00 | 108.00 |
| April                    | 102.00 | 89.00 | 90.00 | 111.00 |
| May                      | 99.00  | 88.00 | 91.00 | 115.00 |
| June                     | 102.00 | 83.00 | 91.00 | 118.00 |
| July                     | 99.00  | 80.00 | 92.00 |        |
| August                   | 96.00  | 80.00 | 93.00 |        |
| September                | 95.00  | 79.00 | 98.00 |        |
| October                  | 88.00  | 80.00 | 96.00 |        |
| November                 | 84.00  | 80.00 | 98.00 |        |
| December                 | 90.00  | 82.00 | 99.00 |        |
| Annual Avg <sup>2/</sup> | 96.20  | 84.90 | 92.00 |        |

<sup>1/</sup> Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. <sup>2/</sup> Annual average prices were computed by weighting monthly prices by the estimated percentage of sales made each month.



| U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY, JANUARY 1 |      |      |                    |
|----------------------------------|------|------|--------------------|
|                                  | 2003 | 2004 | '04 as %<br>of '03 |
| (Million Head)                   |      |      |                    |
| All Cattle & Calves              | 96.1 | 94.9 | 99                 |
| Beef Cows                        | 33.0 | 32.9 | 100                |
| Milk Cows                        | 9.1  | 9.0  | 99                 |
| Bulls 500+ Lbs                   | 2.2  | 2.2  | 98                 |
| Steers 500+ Lbs                  | 16.6 | 16.3 | 98                 |
| Heifers 500+ Lbs                 | 19.6 | 19.3 | 98                 |
| For Beef Replacement             | 5.6  | 5.5  | 98                 |
| For Milk Replacement             | 4.1  | 4.0  | 98                 |
| Other                            | 9.9  | 9.8  | 99                 |
| Calves Under 500 lbs             | 15.5 | 15.2 | 98                 |
| Cattle on Feed                   | 13.2 | 13.8 | 104                |

| COUNTRIES WITH LARGEST<br>CATTLE INVENTORIES <sup>1/</sup> |       |                    |
|--|-------|--------------------|
|  | 2001  | 2002 <sup>2/</sup> |
| (Million Head)   |       |                    |
| INDIA  | 313.8 | 317.0              |
| BRAZIL   | 150.4 | 156.3              |
| CHINA  | 128.7 | 128.2              |
| UNITED STATES  | 97.3  | 96.7               |
| EUROPEAN UNION   | 81.3  | 80.2               |

<sup>1/</sup>Various dates of enumeration used by reporting countries. Data presented in this table are end of year inventories. <sup>2/</sup>Preliminary.